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SUBJ: OBRS - LUXEMBOURG

1. E/C OFFICER MET AGAIN WITH HENRI AHLBORN, DIRECTOR OF LUXEMBOURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO DISCUSS STATUS OF PLANNED UPDATES OF (A) BASIC DATA ON THE ECONOMY OF LUXEMBOURG (OBR-68-60); (B) ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS IN LUXEMBOURG (OBR-69-30); AND (C) MARKETING IN BELGIUM/ LUXEMBOURG (OBR-76-32).

2. AS COMMERCE IS AWARE, EMBASSY HAS BEEN WORKING WITH CHAMBER TO PRODUCE COMPLETE REVISION OF PUBLICATIONS (A) AND (B) AND A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF (C). PROJECT WAS DELAYED OWING TO CHAMBER'S INVOLVEMENT IN LUXEMBOURG'S TRIPARTITE CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS. CHAMBER HAS NOW ALMOST FINISHED ITS WORK ON (A) AND (B) AND EMBASSY HOPES TO FORWARD DRAFTS TO USDOC IN ABOUT A MONTH. EMBASSY LEAVES TO USDOC'S DISCRETION WHETHER THESE REPORTS SHOULD APPEAR AS A SINGLE PUBLICATION OR SEPARATELY ALTHOUGH WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE CONSOLIDATED. RE. (C): GIVEN THE EXISTENCE OF THE BELGIAN-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION,
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CHAMBER AND EMBASSY BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MARKETING ORB SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ON BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG TOGETHER. THE BULK OF INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE OBR IS VALID FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. WE SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT THE FORMAT BE CHANGED SLIGHTLY TO MAKE POSSIBLE A MORE COMPLETE AND COHERENT TREATMENT OF LUXEMBOURG. IN ADDITION TO THE IMPROVED FORMAT INAUGU-

RATED BY USDOC IN OBR 76-32, E.G. THE SEPARATE MARKET
PROFILE PAGE ON LUXEMBOURG, EMBASSY PROPOSES A DISTINCT
SECTION ON LUXEMBOURG TO COVER THOSE AREAS WHERE LAWS
OR BUSINESS CONDITIONS DIFFER FROM BELGIUM. OUR CONTRI-
BUTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF THIS REPORT SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE BY LATE SUMMER. PLEASE INFORM US IF A PUBLICA-
TION DATE FOR OBR-MARKETING IN BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG IS
SET SO WE CAN MEET YOUR DEADLINE. LOWENSTEIN

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